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In re Application of

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For: DRAG LEVER OF A VALVE

MECHANISM IN AN INTERNAL

COMBUSTION ENGINE

DECISION ON

PETITION

UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is a decision on applicants' "Petition Under Rule 47(a)," filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 30 September 2005.

BACKGROUND

On 14 October 2003, applicants filed international application PCT/EP03/11344, which claimed a priority date of 24 October 2002. A copy of the international application was transmitted to the Office on 06 May 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 24 April 2005.

On 22 April 2005, applicants filed a submission for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the U.S. Basic National Fee.

On 12 August 2005, applicants submitted a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, a declaration of inventorship and a supporting declaration.

On 29 August 2005, the Office dismissed applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) without prejudice.

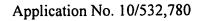
On 30 September 2005, applicants submitted a declaration executed by the previously non-signing inventor.

DISCUSSION

The previously non-signing inventor has signed the declaration. The 12 August 2005 and the 30 September 2005 declarations in combination comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b).

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.



This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations to continue national stage processing of the application. The application has a 35 U.S.C. §371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) date of <u>30 September 2005</u>.

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